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A. Barracks at Fehrbellinerstrasse

1. New recruits in small units have moved into the barracks. The barracks seem almost fully occupied. In the evening lights are seen in all windows. The men are very young and have as yet not left the barracks.

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2. Six trucks, each with an attached 8 cm mortar, drove from the Fridericus to the Fehrbellinerstrasse barracks on 29 January.

A truck with hay sacks and mattresses followed immediately behind. [redacted] Several tanks were driven from the barracks in Fehrbellinerstrasse to the Fridericus barracks on 27 and 28 January. Five or six tanks seem to have been moved from the Fehrbellinerstrasse barracks to the Fridericus barracks. For several weeks no tanks have been observed at the Fehrbellinerstrasse barracks.

3. Trucks, on which six to eight guns of small caliber were loaded, followed some distance behind the motor column. The guns had no chassis and were apparently intended to be mounted on the roof of truckcabs. They were about two meters long from the lock to the muzzle; caliber about 2 cm. They had a cup-formed flame shield.

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B. Airport

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1. The number of jetfighters has not changed. Two of them were flown on 19 January in clear sunshine. On Neuruppin airfield, the weather is often poor since a swamp which causes heavy fog formations is located nearby. Several biplanes were flown singly.

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2. The airfield is being surrounded with a ca. 2.5 m high fence. About 400 meters were completed at the Wittstock Allee on 31 January. Judging by the lights in use, only 50% of the quarters were occupied. The number of men and the flight activity cannot be compared with the conditions in the fall of 1951.

3. Truck [] and a medical car, [] drove in.

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C. See-Kaserne

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The barracks seem to be almost empty. Complete quiet prevails. Less than 25% of the lights are used.

D. Fridericus-Kaserne

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1. No tank manoeuvres were noticed. Approximately 150 soldiers came to Altruppin on a night in the week between 20 and 27 January. These marched through the side streets to the barracks. They appeared to have been on a railway trip for weeks and were very dirty.
2. []
3. The gasoline depot Radensleben is reported to have been completed on 15 January. The side tracks' foundation has been reinforced with gravel. Nothing is as yet known concerning the acquisition of gasoline.

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[] Comment: The activities mentioned in A are probably connected with recent movements within 2nd Guards Mechanized Army area. The result of these movements has as yet not been explained. It seems doubtful that the barracks mentioned in C are empty. One or perhaps two regiments of 12th Guards Tank Division have been located here earlier.

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